



Annual **Review**

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RAHAT | 2018

Dear Friends,

In 2018, we celebrated our 15th anniversary, so in addition to this year's achievements, I'd like to give you a glimpse of what we've accomplished since our inception.

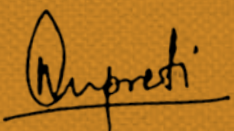
Over the past 15 years, we have **spayed, neutered, and vaccinated more than 1,700 village dogs** in rural areas. We have **removed scores of painful nose ropes, spiked bits, and other crude torture devices** and have counselled owners of working animals on humane care. We have **saved thousands of animals from hauling back-breaking loads** at sugar mills and brick kilns and from carting families on days-long journeys to fairs and festivals by providing humane forms of transportation, including our innovative "e-rickshaws".

Our veterinarians have led workshops that have **spared bulls the agony of being castrated** without anaesthetics. Our staffers have used ingenuity – and sometimes heavy equipment – to **rescue animals from wells** and other dangerous places. And we have given tired working animals, as well as rescued strays and even performing animals, a peaceful **retirement at our sanctuary**, which is home to bullocks, horses, dogs, and other animals. In addition, we have rescued over 160 donkeys and placed them at our partner sanctuary in the Nilgiri Hills.

We have **spread compassion across generations through Compassionate Citizen, our humane education programme**, reaching more than 4,501 students and 283 teachers at 69 schools in Belgaum, Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, and Solapur this year, and we persuaded 7,363 students to pledge not to set off frightening firecrackers during Diwali.

With your help, we hope to make the next 15 years even more successful than the last!

For all animals,



Dr Naresh Upreti
Chief Operating Officer



Ensuring Better Treatment for Animals

Animal Rahat has been working in the sugar factories of Sangli, Satara, and Solapur to **promote the transition from using bullock carts for hauling heavy loads of cane to using efficient, 100 per cent humane tractors**. Several meetings with stakeholders, including the *mukkadams* (contractors), sugar-factory managers, and bullock cart owners, resulted in the replacement of 3,470 bullocks in 25 sugar factories with 595 mini-tractors and 285 large tractors or trucks. This season, **two factories in Solapur used only tractors – no bullock carts** – and at least one other has pledged to replace bullock carts by the next season.

After the successful introduction of mechanised transportation at sugar factories, Animal Rahat's community development team was able to initiate similar changes at brick kilns, **persuading donkey and kiln owners to replace animals with tractors to haul heavy loads of bricks**. As a result, 76 donkeys were retired this year and sent to the sanctuary run by IPAN, one of Animal Rahat's partner organisations. A total of 14 brick kilns have replaced donkeys so far, **saving more than 220 animals from this gruelling work**.

We continued our work to **offer aid to thousands of animals who are forced to haul families long distances to festivals and fairs** and to prevent this suffering by promoting and providing alternative transportation. This year, Animal Rahat's community development team persuaded 46 villages to **spare over 2,500 bullocks the journey to the Chinchali Fair by taking buses, taxis, vans, and other modes of transport**. For those animals who were still required to travel, we set up three camps along the route where they could rest and be treated for lameness, digestive and eye problems, wounds, and other health issues. **Over 3,500 bullocks and nearly 400 ponies received care**. Police constables were also deployed to issue citations and fines for abuse.

We also intervened on behalf of animals at the Kartiki Fair in Pandharpur, as well as at the Sangola Fair and animal market and the Siddheshwar Fair, both in Solapur, serving as a liaison with fair organisers to set up proper shelter for animals and ramps for safely loading and unloading them. We also erected poster galleries and played pre-recorded messages over loudspeakers to raise awareness of proper animal care among more than 3,000 people. **Our vets treated 140 animals at the Kartiki Fair, 97 at the Sangola Fair, and 70 at the Siddheshwar Fair**.

During the Karwani, Bail Pola, and Bendur festivals, our teams informed people about the harmful effects of shaving animals'

horns and painting them with toxic paint – with the help of pictorial posters, which were displayed in the villages. As a result, **more than 6,000 bullocks, buffaloes, cows, and goats in at least 75 villages were spared this cruelty**. Our teams also counselled animal owners about the importance of regular grooming, hygienic housing, and using non-toxic decorative dyes, such as turmeric powder.

Animal Rahat conducted our animal birth control (ABC) and anti-rabies outreach in small villages not served by municipal corporations. Working with the village *panchayats* (councils), our ABC and rabies vaccination programmes have ensured that **100 per cent of dogs are sterilised in four villages**, and we are working with two others to achieve that same goal. We **sterilised more than 900 dogs in 2018** and encouraged government agencies to take on a larger role in this work in the Solapur district of Maharashtra. Our efforts earned us an Excellence Award for outstanding corporate and citizen social responsibility projects from *The CSR Journal*.

Our staff monitored Sunder, a formerly abused elephant we rescued from a temple in Kolhapur, who now lives at the Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bangalore. We examined him every other month and confirmed that he was in good health. We also coordinated with his veterinarians and mahouts to relocate him to an emergency corral while he's in musth (a hormonal surge characterised by aggressive behaviour) to restrain him without having to resort to uncomfortable methods, like chaining.

We sent a rescue team to Kerala in the wake of some of the worst flooding in nearly a century. Equipped with a veterinary ambulance and a truck filled with food, medicine, and rescue supplies, we provided more than 1,000 animals with nourishment, rescued three cows and their calves who were stranded on a rooftop, freed a calf trapped knee-deep in floodwater (and brought him to our sanctuary), and more.



Promoting Compassionate Care

Animal Rahat confiscated more than **1,500 painful nose ropes, which are run through a hole pierced in a bullock's nasal septum and used to control him, as well as other torture devices**, including whips, clubs, barbed bits, nail-studded sticks, and hobbles, from abusive animal owners and counselled them on humane care.



It is still common for traditional castrators, livestock supervisors, and even government veterinarians to castrate bulls using an extremely stressful and painful method in which they are thrown to the ground, their legs are bound, and the spermatic cord and blood vessels are cut out of their testicles, all without any pain relief. Animal Rahat's community development team is striving to end this practice by conducting demonstrations of painless castrations carried out under anaesthesia. This year, **we held humane castration workshops for 66 Department of Animal Husbandry veterinarians in the Satara district, 89 in the Jalgaon district, and 45 in the Osmanabad district**.

Animal Rahat veterinarians also promote the castration of calves when they're 6 months old or younger, in part to prevent their owners from controlling them by inserting painful nose ropes. Instead, our veterinarians encourage bullock owners to use *morkees* (halters) and to groom their animals regularly to form a bond with them. **We were able to persuade all the bull-calf owners in our service area (more than 50) to use morkees and humane castration. And we castrated nearly 60 additional bulls humanely.**



Animal Rahat to the Rescue

Animal Rahat staffers treated more than 16,000 injured and sick working and “community” animals in 2018 for various ailments and injuries and conducted more than 270 rescues of animals in urgent situations. The following are just a few examples of the emergencies we responded to:

- Two baby monkeys were being forced to perform tricks for spectators near a train station in Solapur. We worked with authorities to have the animals confiscated and released back into the forest.
- We rappelled down a well to rescue a cat who had been trapped for five days. After she'd had a chance to eat and rest up, we spayed and vaccinated her, then returned her to her family.
- A starving cow named Meena was so desperate for food that she had ingested 46 kilograms of plastic garbage. Our vets surgically removed the trash, and she now lives at our sanctuary.
- A dog got his head stuck in a gate trying to reach food on the other side. We sedated him, gently freed him, sterilised and vaccinated him, and released him into the care of a community member.
- We helped save a bull who had fallen 15 metres down a well and was charging at his would-be rescuers out of fear. Animal Rahat veterinarians calmed him by administering sedatives so that he could be hoisted to safety then treated his minor injuries.
- On the way back from rescuing animals during the Kerala floods, our team happened upon a mob about to kill a rock python, whom we were able to capture and release into a forested area.



Financial Statement

REVENUE

Contributions	₹ 33,916,277
Other Income	₹ 717,250

Total Revenue	₹ 34,633,527
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OPERATING EXPENSES

Direct Expenditures	₹ 25,419,428
Employee Benefits Expenses	₹ 4,266,662
Depreciation and Amortisation	₹ 1,283,284
Other Expenses	₹ 3,274,008

Total Operating Expenses	₹ 34,243,382
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS*

Net Assets Beginning of Year	₹ 37,797,003
Net Assets End of Year	₹ 38,187,148

OPERATING EXPENSE ALLOCATION

Direct Programme Support	95.15%
Indirect Programme Support	3.75%
Management and General Support	1.10%

*Net assets include fixed assets of ₹24,627,376, of which ₹16,476,246 is land. They also include ₹10,000,000 that Animal Rahat is holding in a fixed deposit account.

The financial statement shown here is for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2018 and is based on our independently audited financial statements.

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